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(b) The number of general scholarships allotted for Malabar were as follows :—

			Higher Elementary.	Secondary commen- cing in Form I.	Secondary commen- cing in Form IV.
1926-27	1	22	6
1927-28	1	22	6

Information on the other points is not available.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“Is there any objection to those scholarships being awarded by areas?”

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—“I will consider the hon. Member's suggestion.”

Medical

Working hours of the General Hospital, Madras.

* 1842 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital were from 7 to 12 p.m. some years ago and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. now ;

(b) why this change was necessitated in the working hours of the in-patient department of the General Hospital, while in all other medical institutions, both in the City and outside, the morning working hours are from 7 a.m. to 12 noon ; and

(c) whether the Government have obtained expert opinion as to whether it is conducive to the well-being of the patients to be operated during the hot hours of the day especially in a tropical climate ?

A.—(a) & (b) The information has been called for.

(c) No.

Grievances of the nurses in the Madras General Hospital.

* 1843 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY : Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the long working hours, the prolonged night duty and other grievances of nurses in the Madras General Hospital referred to in the statement of Mr. Fenner Brockway in the papers ; and

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken any action on the question raised in the statement ?

A —(a) The Government have perused the statement referred to.

(b) The Government are having the points raised examined.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—“May I know whether these nurses are having long working hours in the day and long hours of night duty ? Are the Government aware of that ?”

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—“I cannot exactly say.”

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Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Are these nurses allowed private practice?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I am afraid this is not a supplementary question."

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"The hon. Member can't decide that."

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"Whether nurses are allowed private practice or not, I can't say."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Is it the intention of the Government to continue the system of 12 hours night duty and 12 hours day duty? Is there any officer in the Medical Department who is doing work like that?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR :—"I have stated already that the question is being examined and information is called for."

Dr. B. S. MALLAYYA :—"Is it the intention of the Government to give them Rs. 70 or 80 and make them work twelve hours a day?"

The PRESIDENT :—"I do not allow that question."

Agriculture

Abolition of the agricultural middle school at Anakapalli.

* 1844 Q.—The ZAMINDAR OF GOLLAPALLI: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the middle agricultural school at Anakapalli was abolished in the middle of the course and the year;

(b) what are the causes for the abolition of the said school;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the detailed syllabus that was followed in the Anakapalli agricultural educational middle school;

(d) what steps the Government has taken to enable the students of the said school to complete their course;

(e) whether there are proposals to open a middle agricultural school or college in any one of the districts of Andhradesa;

(f) whether the Director of Agriculture has reported that there is no necessity to open a school or college in Andhradesa; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the statistics of the agricultural population of Andhradesa as compared with that of Tamil Nadu and that of each district of Andhradesa?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The primary reason is the lack of demand for the education imparted.

(c) The syllabus ^a is appended.

(d) The second year class contained only one pupil and the first year class five pupils at the time of closing down the school. It was impossible to run a school for so few pupils.

(e) The opening of a school at Kalahasti (Chittoor district) has been sanctioned.

(f) No.

(g) The hon. Member is referred to the last Census Report.

^a Printed as Appendix II on pages 282-289 infra.